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Chair Klein and Members of the State Building Code Council,

The undersigned members of numerous faith communities across Washington State urge the State Building Code Council (SBCC) to continue your good work toward building electrification by passing the full package of proposed residential code amendments. As people of many faiths, we want to see all of Washington's future homes exemplify care for our common home and align with our values of justice and sustainability.

The faith community is grateful for the SBCC's leadership in passing strong building codes for new commercial and large multifamily buildings earlier this year. **We would like to see this commitment to community wellbeing carried forward to now apply to residential and small multifamily buildings. In particular, we strongly support the requirements for heat pump systems in new homes and stricter ventilation for gas stoves to protect indoor air quality and health.**

Continued dependence on polluting fossil fuels, especially fracked gas, is not faithful. Enduring existence of fracked gas infrastructure in buildings will increase indoor air pollution and subsequent health risks, perpetuate reliance on dirty fossil fuels, promote more fracking (often on Indigenous lands,) and exacerbate a changing climate that disproportionately impacts those already on the margins. We have a moral obligation to address historic and enduring inequalities caused by pollution, many of which are crystallized in our fossil fuel infrastructure, and doing so is crucial to achieving our vision of a just and sustainable future.

Our diverse religious traditions all teach us to love our neighbors, steward the Earth, and work for justice. In response, we are doing all we can to shift to clean energy in our houses of worship and homes. We need you to ensure all new homes in Washington complement our individual dedication to environmental stewardship and propel us toward our state's local and state-wide climate and sustainability goals. **Please vote in support of the full package of residential energy code proposals that are out for public comment.** Together, we can create a future where no one's health or land is sacrificed to heat the places where we live.

We call on the State Building Code Council to take swift and meaningful action by passing the proposed residential and small multifamily energy code. Your leadership will help us all breathe easier.

Thank you,

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